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REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

Citizens of Carver: —

The Selectmen submit their annual report of the receipts and expenditures of the town for the past year, with such other facts as may be of interest.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

ANDREW GRIFFITH, *Treasurer.*

DR.

To cash on hand March 2, 1885,	$2963 75
Received from George B. Fuller, license to peddle,	6 00
S. F. McFarlin, collected for school books,	10 01
Town of Plymouth, aid to E. Douglass,	70 00
H. C. Munroe, license to peddle,	6 00
J. W. Thomas, pasture town farm, 1884,	4 00
Town of Middleboro, aid to D. Shurtleff,	8 25

City of Taunton, aid to Shurtleff family,	104 00	
Edgar C. Rogers, license to peddle,	6 00	
Wm. C. Richards, for lumber,	1 00	
Town of Middleboro, for schools,	38 38	
Hannah Casey estate,	55 00	
Corporation tax, 1885,	689 84	
National Bank tax, 1885,	598 31	
State aid to soldiers and families,	255 00	
Poor and indigent soldiers,	21 00	
Income from Mass. school fund,	210 94	
Ellis school fund,	160 00	
Pratt school fund,	185 30	
Dividend from dog licenses,	103 42	
J. B. Williams, board at almshouse,	48 00	
Wm. L. Randall, license to peddle,	6 00	
Collection of taxes,	4923 63	
Interest on delinquent taxes,	29 18	
Total Receipts,		$10,503 01

Expenditures as follows:

Cr.

Paid for support of schools,	$1800 18	
Support of poor,	1465 57	
Repair of highways,	1139 76	
Repair of Bridges,	284 40	
Repair of school-houses,	59 81	
School books and school room furnishings,	143 70	
Removal of snow from highways,	2 88	
State aid, soldiers and families,	274 00	
Incidental town expenses,	550 67	

State tax,	510 00	
County tax,	632 56	
Cash on hand March 3, 1886,	3639 48	
		$10,503 01

SCHOOLS.

Receipts and expenditures connected with the schools the past year:

Dr.

To balance from 1884,	$299 96	
Appropriation of 1885,	1200 00	
Received from Middleboro, for schools,	38 38	
Ellis school fund, app. to district No. 4,	160 00	
Pratt school fund,	185 30	
Mass. School fund,	210 94	
Dog licenses,	103 42	
		$2198 00

Cr.

Paid approved bills School Committee,	$1800 18	
Balance undrawn March 3, 1886,	397 82	
		$2198 00

HIGHWAYS.

Receipts and expenditures connected with the repairs of highways the past year:

Dr.

To balance from 1884,	$61 98	
Appropriation of 1885,	1200 00	
		$1261 98

Cr.

Paid Surveyor, district No. 1,	$61 47	
" " 2,	65 17	
" " 3,	71 17	
" " 4,	75 55	
" " 5,	85 63	
" " 6,	45 85	
" " 7,	65 79	
" " 8,	57 76	
" " 9,	32 03	
" " 10,	210 12	
" " 11,	110 37	
" " 12,	43 10	
" " 13,	98 30	
" " 14,	41 50	
" " 15,	75 95	
Total expended,		$1139 76
Balance undrawn,		122 22
		$1261 98

Due highway districts as follows:

District No. 1,	$15 06	
" 3,	1 20	
" 6,	37 77	
" 8,	11 19	
" 10,	32 09	
" 11,	1 15	
" 12,	15 17	
" 13,	11	
" 14,	2	
" 15,	8 46	
		$122 22

BRIDGES.

Receipts and expenditures connected with the repairs of bridges the past year:

Dr.

Appropriation of 1885,	$250 00	
Deficiency of 1885,	88 72	
		$338 72

Cr.

Paid expense of new stone bridge, Pope's Point,	$270 60	
Repairs of bridge near E. W. Shaw,	10 00	
Repairs of bridge at Carver Green,	3 80	
Deficiency of 1884,	54 32	
		$338 72

SNOW.

Receipts and expenditures connected with the removal of snow from the highway the past year:

Dr.

To balance from 1884,	$13 42	

Cr.

Paid Thomas Vaughan, district No. 8,	$2 88	
Balance unexpended,	10 54	
		$13 42

REPAIR OF SCHOOL-HOUSES.

Receipts and expenditures connected with the repair of school-houses the past year:

Dr.

To appropriation of 1885,	$200 00

Cr.

Paid repairs district No. 1,	$13 64	
" " 2,	2 05	
" " 3,	11 55	
" " 4,	24 49	
" " 8,	8 08	
Total expense,	59 81	
Balance unexpended,	140 19	
		$200 00

SCHOOL BOOKS, &c.

Receipts and expenditures connected with school books and school-room furnishings:

Dr.

To appropriation of 1885,		
Deficiency of 1885,	$600 00	
	19 58	
		$619.58

Cr.

Paid approved bill of School Committee books and furnishings,	$143 70	
Deficiency of 1884,	475 88	
		$619 58

STATE AID.

Receipts and disbursements connected with State Aid to soldiers and families the past year:

Dr.

Due from the State.	$318 00

Cr.

Paid Daniel Dunham,	$36 00	
Benjamin F. Fuller,	48 00	
William W. Pearson,	36 00	
Howard K. Swift,	58 00	
Abby H. Eddy,	48 00	
Caroline W. Pratt,	48 00	
Total disbursements,	$274 00	
Paid previous to March 3, 1885,	44 00	
		$318 00

POOR.

Receipts and expenditures connected with the support of Poor the past year:

Dr.

To balance from 1884,	$378 43	
Appropriation of 1885,	1250 00	
Received from Plymouth, aid to E. Douglass,	70 00	
From rent of pasture town farm,	4 00	
Middleboro, aid to D. Shurtleff,	8 25	
Taunton, aid to T. Shurtleff's family,	104 00	
Hannah Casey estate,	55 00	
J. B. Williams, board at almshouse,	48 00	
		$1917 68

Cr.

Paid provisions for almshouse,	$275 45
Medical attendance,	34 15
Wood bill,	35 56

Clothing and shoes,	$17 15	
Matron's services and assistance,	190 50	
Burial of three,	59 00	
Total expense at almshouse,		$611 81

Expenses outside the almshouse.

Paid aid to

David Shurtleff,	$4 00	
Elijah Douglass,	6 25	
Phebe A. Shurtleff, Sandwich,	5 00	
Mary Kilroy, Northbridge.	75 89	
Charles Lucas, Rochester,	4 00	
S. J. Ham and family, New Bedford,	181 65	
Charles Roberry, Wareham,	104 00	
Benjamin H. Savery, Plymouth,	80 00	
Adaline Shurtleff and family,	114 00	
John Thomas,	27 00	
Asa Wrightington and daughter,	87 94	
C. and Mary Wrightington,	101 45	
Martha A. Bumpus,	62 58	
Total outside aid,		$853 76
Total expense of the Poor,	$1465 57	
Balance unexpended.	452 11	
		$1917 68

INCIDENTAL TOWN EXPENSES.

Receipts and expenditures connected with the incidental town expense account the past year:

Dr.

To balance from 1884,	$505 15
Received from peddlers' licenses,	24 00

Corporation tax,	689 84	
National Bank tax,	598 31	
Sale of school books,	10 01	
Sale of lumber,	1 00	
Interest on taxes,	22 18	
		$1857 49

Cr.

Paid Andrew Griffith, Treasurer and Collector, commission 1884,	$140 07	
Printing and postage,	8 00	
Andrew Griffith, Selectman and Overseer of Poor, 1884,	60 00	
Albert T. Shurtleff, Selectman and Overseer of Poor, 1884,	23 00	
Nelson Sherman, Selectman and Overseer of Poor, 1884,	28 75	
Albert T. Shurtleff, Town Clerk, '84,	35 00	
Express and postage,	4 07	
H. L. Thatcher & Co., printing town reports, 1884,	28 60	
Nelson Sherman, returning deaths, '84,	1 00	
S. B. Briggs, constable, 1884,	8 00	
S. B. Briggs, herring committee, '84,	6 00	
Gustavus, school committee, 1884,	33 76	
George F. Morse, M. D., returning births, 1884 and 1885,	3 50	
Irene A. Bent, member school committee, 1884,	23 50	
For Surveyor's books,	48	
C. W. Calkins & Co., printing school report, 1884,	17 50	
S. McHenry, perambulating town line,	1 00	

E. H. Cornish, M. D., school committee, 1884,	31	50
S. Hammond, fighting fire in woods,	2	40
J. M. Dean, " "	1	50
J. Northern, " "	1	50
J. Chandler, " "	1	75
H. D. Morse, " "	1	75
G. Whiting, " "	2	40
Thomas Vaughan, " "	3	30
C. E. Vaughan, " "	2	10
P. M. Swan, " "	2	10
E. W. Shaw, returning deaths, 1884,	1	25
Andrew Griffith, Assessor, 1885,	20	00
Albert T. Shurtleff, Assessor, 1885,	20	00
Nelson Sherman, Assessor, 1885,	18	00
S. F. McFarlin, perambulating town line,	1	50
J. W. Atwood, perambulating town line	1	00
J. W. Atwood, returning deaths, '85,	2	50
Wm. C. Richards, repairing washouts,	2	50
Wm. T. Gibbs, repairing washouts,	8	32
Geo. B. Washburn, " "	3	07
Actual incidental expenses,	$550	67
State tax,	510	00
County tax,	632	56
Balance unexpended,	164	26
		$1857 49

COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT.

ANDREW GRIFFITH, *Collector.*

DR.

To uncollected taxes of 1879,	$82 29

Cr.

By taxes uncollected March 3, 1886,		$82 29

Dr.

To uncollected taxes of 1882,		$8 38

Cr.

By taxes collected in 1885,		$8 38

Dr.

To uncollected taxes of 1883,		$26 13

Cr.

By taxes collected in 1885,	$14 99	
Joseph Pratt, poll and personal abated,	11 14	
		$26 13

Dr.

To uncollected taxes of 1884,		$844 50

Cr.

By taxes collected in 1885,	$804 77	
Joseph Pratt's poll and personal abated,	10 61	
Gerard Tobey's tax abated, no property,	1 23	
S. W. Burgess heirs tax abated, no property,	82	
Uncollected taxes March 3, 1886,	27 07	
		$844 50

Dr.

To amount of tax bills of 1885,		$4770 39

Cr.

By taxes collected in 1885,	$4095 49	
Nathan Washburn, poll abated, an error,	2 00	
Murdock Parlor Grate Co., tax abated,	3 70	
Taxes uncollected March 3, 1886,	669 20	
		$4770 39

TOWN ASSETS.

Cash in treasury, March 3, 1886,	3639 48	
Due from State, aid paid to soldiers and families,	318 00	
Due from Taunton, aid to Shurtleff family,	96 00	
Uncollected taxes on bills of 1879,	82 29	
Uncollected taxes on bills of 1884,	27 07	
Uncollected taxes on bills of 1885,	669 20	
		$4832 04

LIABILITIES.

Andrew Griffith, Treasurer and Collector, commission 1885,	$139 36	
Printing and postage,	8 00	
Andrew Griffith, Selectman and Overseer 1885,	60 00	
Albert T. Shurtleff, Selectman and Overseer 1885,	21 50	
Nelson Sherman, Selectman and Overseer 1885,	29 00	
Albert T. Shurtleff, Town Clerk, 1885,	35 00	
Postage and express,	2 88	
Highway appropriation undrawn,	122 22	
School appropriation undrawn,	397 82	
Amount of tax sales due on demand,	76 15	
Estimated poor bills unsettled,	200 00	
All other bills against the town estimated,	175 00	
Estimated liabilities,		$1266 93
Balance in favor of the town,		3565 11

ASSESSORS' STATISTICS, 1885.

Value of personal estate,	$183,770 00	
Value of real estate,	398,045 00	
Total valuation May 1, 1885,		$581,815 00
Raised by taxation, State tax,	$510 00	
County tax,	632 56	
Town appropriations,	3627 83	
Whole amount assessed,		$4770 39

Rate of taxation per $1000, $7.40
Poll tax, $2.00.
Number of polls taxed, 228.
Horses taxed, 141.
Cows taxed, 175.
Sheep taxed, 37.
Neat cattle, 57.
Swine, 54.
Dwelling-houses taxed, 242.
Acres of land taxed, 20,185.

APPROPRIATIONS.

The following sums are recommended to meet current expenses the ensuing year:

Support of schools,	$1200 00	
Support of poor,	1100 00	
Repair of highways,	1200 00	
Repair of bridges,	250 00	
Repair of school-houses,	100 00	
School book and school-room furnishings,	150 00	
Removal of snow from highways,	75 00	
Town incidentals,	400 00	
Total,	$4475 00	
Estimated Bank and corporation tax,	1000 00	
If appropriated, sum to be assessed,		$3475 00

SCHOOLS.

There remains in the treasury a balance of $397.82 in this account, with five schools in operation at the time of closing our accounts. To pay the expense of these schools, nearly the whole sum will be required.

HIGHWAYS.

The same sum appropriated last year, $1200.00 is thought to be sufficient this year. Ten per cent. of the sum appropriated last year, remains in the treasury, and is supposed not to have been expended.

BRIDGES.

There is a deficiency of $87.72 in this account. We think $225.00 is required to meet this deficiency and pay expenses the year ensuing.

SNOW.

There is a balance of $10.54 unexpended in this account. In addition to this, $75.00 is believed to be ample to pay expenses.

REPAIRS OF SCHOOL-HOUSES.

A balance of $140.19 remains unexpended in this account, and as there are some needed repairs to be made in Districts No. 1 and 4, $100.00 is called for by appropriation.

SCHOOL BOOKS AND SCHOOL-ROOM FURNISHINGS.

There is a deficiency of $19.58 in this account, and as the book expense seems to be quite heavy, we recommend $150.00 as the sum to appropriate.

POOR.

There is an undrawn balance in this account of $452.11, owing in part to having more outstanding bills than usual at settlement. An apppropriation of $1100.00 is thought sufficient this year. The heavy expense in case of S. J. Ham at New Bedford, was occasioned by sickness and death in his family. The cost of supporting our inmates of the Almshouse including the burial expenses of three, is $2.52 per week.

The net cost of supporting our Poor, is $1321.57, included in this is the lodging and feeding of 101 tramps.

INCIDENTAL TOWN EXPENSES.

A balance of $164.26 remains in the treasury to the credit of this account. An apppropriation of $400.00 is asked for in addition to meet the expenses the ensuing year.

Nothing has occurred to disturb our estimates at the opening of year, consequently the appropriations were upon the whole, ample to pay the town charges, leaving the assets $3,500.00 over the liabilities as one year ago.

We found no occasion to borrow money the past year, and none will be needed the coming year, unless unusual appropriations are made at the next town meeting.

Perhaps an explanation is due in relation to the tax uncollected on bills of 1879. The balance uncollected is wholly against Matthias Ellis, and cannot be collected owing to litigation, but the chances are that ultimately it will be settled.

In conclusion, Mr. Sherman of the Board of Selectmen, desires to express his thanks to the people of Carver

for the generous support he has received for the past four years, but owing to reasons purly personal, declines a re-election.

Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW GRIFFITH,
ALBERT T. SHURTLEFF,
NELSON SHERMAN,
} Selectmen of Carver.

TOWN MEETING.

Contents of Warrant for town meeting, to be held on Monday, March 29, 1886, at one o'clock P. M., at the Town House.

Art. 1.—To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art. 2.—To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

Art. 3.—To determine the manner of repairing the highways, and decide the compensation for labor thereon.

Art. 4.—To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges the ensuing year.

Art. 5.—To decide when taxes shall become due, and whether any interest shall be charged after a certain date.

Art. 6.—To see what pay the town will vote the Treasurer and Collector, and other town officers.

Art. 7.—To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money under the direction of the Selectmen, if found necessary, in anticipation of taxes the present year.

Art. 8.—To see if the town will accept the report of the Selectmen.

Art. 9.—To see if the town will vote to make the yards of field drivers, Town Pounds, providing they be chosen pound keepers.

Art. 10.—To see if the town will vote to build the piece of road laid out by the County Commissioners, on the petition of R. A. Wilbur and others, choose a building committee, and appropriate money to carry out the same.

Art. 11.—To see if the town will vote to post up a copy of the Warrants for Town Meetings in School District No. 5, on the ash tree at Shurtleff's corner. Petition of H. A. Lucas and others.

Art. 12.—To see what action the town will take towards building a Town Hall. Petition of Seth C. C. Finney and others.

Art. 13.—To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to repair the Guide Boards in town.

Art. 14.—To see if the town will vote to request the County Commissioners to establish a Truant School. By request of School Committee.

Art. 15.—To bring in their votes by ballot, "Yes," or "No," upon the question, "Shall license be granted in this town for the sale of intoxicating liquors?"

ANDREW GRIFFITH,
ALBERT T. SHURTLEFF,
NELSON SHERMAN,
} Selectmen of Carver.

Report of Town Clerk for the year 1885.

Marriages Registered in Carver for the year 1885.

1885.

May 2. Elmer F. Shaw of Carver and Hattie A. Squires of Plymouth.

June 27. Alfred M. DeRose of Carver and Rebecca K. Wheeler of Westboro.

July 16. Eugene Eben Shaw and Cordelia Frances Shurtleff, both of Carver.

July 17. Frank Thomas and Mildred Myrtilla Appling, both of Carver.

Sept. 7. Frederick W. Bourne and Lucy W. Thomas, both of Middleboro.

Oct. 22. Theron M. Cole and Annie H. Robbins, both of Carver.

Oct 25. John Murdock and Jessie Florence Tillson, both of Carver,

Nov. 5. Harvey Henry Garney and Lottie J. Washburn, both of Carver.

Nov. 7. John B. Williams and Martha Hammond Shaw, both of Carver.

Nov. 24. Edward Francis Turner of Brockton and Jenny May Murdock of Carver.

Nov. 25. Jabez F. Smith of Middleboro a d Mary E. R. Goff of Carver.

Nov. 25. Chester Freeman Tillson of Carver and Clara B. Cahoun of Duxbury.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN CARVER IN 1885.

1885.	NAME.	PARENTS.
Jan. 3,	Florence May Coombs,	Herbert M. and Laura C.
Jan. 26,	Lila May Hamblin,	Alonzo P. and Celia E.
Feb. 8,	John B. Bent,	John and Irene A.
Feb. 20,	Elmer Bartlett McFarlin,	Jason B. and Isadore L.
April 14,	Chester Eli Atwood,	John S. aud Susan M.
May 2,	Leslie Earl Crocker,	Lemuel N. and Betsey A.
May 6,	Adalieta Shaw,	Alfred M. and Melora L.
June 16,	Robert Watson Holmes,	Gardiner E. and Sarah C.
June 16,	Sarah Atwood,	Charles W. and Emma
June 24,	Bertha Florence Vaughan,	Theodore T. and Elizabeth S
July 8,	Norman Lee Shaw,	Fred W. and Annie E.
July 23,	Edna Earl Briggs,	Samuel B. and Mary F.
Aug. 2,	John Francis Lincoln,	Alfred F. and Mary A.
Aug. 8,	Clifford Verdell Shurtleff,	Robert F. and Hattie
Aug. 10,	Maud D. Dunham,	Daniel and Sylvia C.
Aug. 27,	Daisy Maud Pratt,	Stillman and Mary E.
Sept. 19,	Alberta Thelan,	John and Delia.
Sept. 21,	Elston Chandler,	Walter B. and Annetta B.
Oct. 2,	Susie Cunningham,	George W. and Susan C.
Nov. 17,	Laura Haywood Bump,	J. Myrick and Lucinda S.
Dec. 30,	Jessie Allen Holmes,	Philander J. and Ellen F.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN CARVER FOR THE YEAR 1885.

DATE.	NAMES.	AGE. YEARS.	AGE. MONTHS.	AGE. DAYS.	CAUSE OF DEATH.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
1885.						
Jan. 18,	Helen Garfield Bradford		1	5	Consumption,	Frank and Eldora.
Feb. 9,	John B. Bent,			1	Convulsions,	John and Irene A.
Feb. 25,	Nelson Barrows,	56	2		Pneumonia,	Nelson and Nancy.
Mch. 10,	Sadie Benson.	5	9		Diptheria,	Myron and Louisa.
Mch. 18,	John B. Lucas,	67		23	Brights Disease,	Benjamin and Persis.
April 6,	Ebenezer Barton Fuller,	35		20	Diptheria,	Ebenezer and Hannah,
May 1,	Mary S Lucas,	74	8	11	Old Age,	Ebenezer and Ruth Shurtleff,
May 3,	J. Oscar Atwood,	21	3	20	Consumption,	Jacob and Susan T.
May 15,	Patience Robbins,	80	4	3	Measles,	Joseph and Patience.
May 23,	Hannah F. Shurtleff,	26	4		Consumption,	George and Lydia C.
Aug. 22,	Luther S. W. King,	61	1	27	Congestion of Brain,	Jonathan and Sarah.
Aug. 29,	Sarah V. Stubbs,	57	9	4	Disease of Heart,	Ezekiel and Mary Raymond,
Sept. 3,	John F. Lincoln,		1	3	Pneumonia,	Alfred T. and Mary A.
Oct. 4,	Truman B. Tillson,	62	5		Pneumonia,	John and Susan.
Nov. 28,	Wilson Griffith,	83	10	26	Chronic Diarrhea,	Obed and Polly.

ALBERT T. SHURTLEFF, *Town Clerk.*

No. of Dogs licensed, 59. Males, 55. Females, 4.